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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: GON HAS INFORMED ITS MISSIONS OF DUTCH CO-SPONSORSHIP, BUT WISHES TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE IN SEEKING FURTHER SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RES ON KOREA. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN WE TOOK UP WITH KLAUS, ACTING HEAD OF FAR EASTERN DIRECTORATE, NEED FOR CONCERTED EFFORT TO INSURE SUCCESS OF DRAFT UNGA RES ON KOREA, HE TOLD US THAT HIGHER POLICY LEVELS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WISHED DUTCH NOT TO BE OUT IN FRONT IN EFFORT TO SECURE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, THROUGH ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORSHIPS OR OTHERWISE, FOR KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION.
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BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, KLAUS SAID THAT LAST YEAR DUTCH, WITH UK, HAD BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF WESTERN EFFORTS ON KOREAN ISSUE AND THAT THE CURRENT FEELING WAS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DUTCH, EVEN THOUGH CO-SPONSORS, NOT TO BE IN THE VANGUARD THIS TIME. HE CONFIRMED THAT GON MISSIONS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF NETHERLANDS CO-SPONSORSHIP, ADDING THAT THEY HAD ALSO BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE HAGUE'S PREFERENCE TO MAINTAIN RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE.

3. DRAWING ON REFTTEL WE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT A CONSCIENTIOUS AND THOROUGH EFFORT OF SECURING SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RES NOW WOULD HELP AVOID A DIFFICULT FIGHT LATER AND THAT, FOR THAT REASON, THE OPTIMUM TACTIC FOR CO-SPONSORS WOULD BE TO PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD TO BUILD UP MAXIMUM SUPPORT. KLAUS OBSERVED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ENCOURAGED BY ATTITUDES OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS SINGAPORE, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES. WE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE CONDITIONS IN CAPITALS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE DIFFERENT, AND TACTICS WOULD HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY, IN SOME CASES, SUCH AS POSSIBLY INDONESIA, ACTIVE DUTCH ROLE MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. IN RESPONSE, KLAUS NOTED THAT INDOENSIA WAS A PROBLEM BECAUSE IT HAD RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. WE CONCLUDED THIS PART OF EXCHANGE BY EXPLAINING THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT, EVEN IF IT DID NOT ADD UP TO ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMON INITIATIVE, COULD NEVERTHELESS MAKE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN PREVENTING POSSIBLE OPPOSING RESOLUTION FROM GAINING STRENGTH.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT, AS THINGS STAND NOW, DUTCH MISSIONS ARE UNLIKELY ON THE BASIS OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO BE VERY ACTIVE ON THIS ISSUE, THOUGH WE DO NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN SOME CASES THEY MAY BE WILLING TO GIVE HELPING HAND. GON RELUCTANCE TO BE VERY ACTIVE ON THIS ISSUE CAN PROBABLY BE EXPLAINED IN LARGER CONTEXT OF DUTCH POLICY WHICH SEEKS TO MAINTAIN AN ANCHOR TO WINDWARD WITH MANY OF THE LDCS. THIS WOULD POINT TO DESIRABILITY, IN THEIR EYES, OF NOT BEING TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT MAY BECOME A HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE AT UNGA, EVEN THOUGH CO-SPONSORSHIP PUTS DUTCH IN SAME BOAT WITH US.
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